SUBJECTS.

152. Issue of pattahs on surrender of mortgaged lands.

(3) In the case of lands mortgaged or given on lease and subsequently surrendered to the original mortgagor or lessor, the pattah was granted even after such surrender to the mortgagee or lessee simply because in the Tandaper the name of the mortgagee or lessee continued to be retained. This practice, he requested, should be ordered to be discontinued:

153. Thirippu.

(4) In the case of some *Pandarapattom* and *Otti* lands a portion of the assessment was in former days reserved for payment to certain Jenmis and Devaswoms and that was called *Thirippu*. In the registration enquiries held by some Settlement officers, this reserved portion was added to the tax leviable, whenever the landowners denied having made any payments to the particular Jenmi or Devaswom concerned. This practice, he said, was objectionable as the parties who had a right to this source of revenue could sue the land-holders civilly to compel payment.

Dewan's reply.—Will be looked into by the Settlement Department if individual cases of complaint are taken to them.

The same member also represented—

154. Trial by Jury.

that the Jury system might be introduced in the Sessions Courts in the State.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

155. Commission to enquiry into agricultural condition.

Mr. N. Sankara Pillai (Member, Patanapuram Taluk) requested that a commission might be appointed to enquire into the causes of deterioration in the agricultural condition of his Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—This is not a general subject. It is peculiar to your Taluk. If you bring forward a separate representation, Government will consider it.

The same member also represented—

156. Realization of value of trees on Puduvals.

that it was hard that the value of all trees standing on lands sought to be registered as Puduval should be realized and suggested that the price of trees of more than eight *vannams* and royalties should alone be recovered from the parties in whose names the Puduvals were registered, at rates fixed for Settlement purposes.

The same member further requested—

157. Fencing of Railway line.

that fences on either side of the Railway line might be put up to prevent cattle from trespassing into the line and avoid the occurrence of mishaps.

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